Approved For Release 2004/01/21 : CIA-RDP80-00809A000500250132-5 25X1 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 25X1 ATION REPORT WESTER CEPTROCOF (Central Union of RFE Cooperative/Fresent and furner Officials of CEVIFOCOP/Reasons Leading to Arrest of Vivile Luca, Decharl Georgestu and Ann Public 25X1 DATE DISTR. 30 NOV 1953 NO. OF PAGES NO. OF ENCLS. SUPP. TO THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION REPORT NO. 25X1 Location of Offic Charlotte (Uniones Centrale a Coperativelor din RFE----Central Union of RPR Cooperatives) comes unler the supervision of the Ministry of Cooperatives. At Bucharest, the CENTICOP was situated in the following buildings: (a) CEMIROCOP central offices; all directors, vice-directors and advisers located here; situated in the former Savoy Hotel, at the corner of Sarindar Street and Cales Victorie: Street. (b) No 26, Bresulan. Street, occupying a three-storey building. (c) A building to are composite the Lineal No. 32 (Lyceum No. 32) formerly the Nicolae Balcason Lycem, situated on a street formerly aving the same name; the new name of the street is unknown. Activities Supervised by CETROCOP

1. To the test of my knowledge (which is not technical or precise), the CENTROCOP supervised: (a) The UCCOK (Uniones Centrals a Cooperativelor Mestrougaresti-Central Union of the Trades' Cooperatives), elusted on Plevnet Street at Dubarest. The supervision exercised over this buly was merely formal. (b) The Cooperation is the Products at Conference (Cooperatives of production, country) and reseale), usued by the CENTROCOP, which are southern's his became all of Busania. 25X1L SETRET

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- (c) Sale of food commodities throughout all markets in the principal towns of Rumania. All markets of Bucharest are owned by the CENTROCOP, which supplies the markets with food from cooperative farms.
- (d) Sale of tcbacco. In February, 1952, all private tobacco retail stores were nationalized. Owners of tobacco stores automatically became employees of the CENTRO-COP. There are, however, other tobacco State stores, which are supervised by the CCL (Organ zatia Comerciala Locala-Local Commerce Organization), coming under the management of the local People's Board (former municipality). This duplication of supervision is due to the fact that some private owners of retail tobacco stores realized months in advance that some day they would be nationalized. Therefore, they voluntarily handed over their stores to the People's Board, which Board grouped them under the CCL organization. After nationalization, former owners of tobacco stores received (and are still receiving) six per cent of the total amount of tobacco sold to the public. They are considered as employees, but are paid in a percentage basis.
- (e) All granaries. The distribution of corn and other food items comes under the direct supervision of the CENTROCOP. The body owns in addition many State Farms and livestock breeding centers throughout all of Rumania. The distribution of corn and flour to the population, as well as to the Rumanian Armed Forces (including Soviet occupation troops) takes place only thru the CENTROCOP. At the beginning of 1952, as a result of the shortage of food supplies the CENTROCOP decided to make a partial evaluation of farmers products. In other words, farmers, could, if they wanted to (actually many times the CENTROCOP preferred it) exchange, for elething and other items, food supplies (such as eggs, corn, flour, vegetables, etc). For example, a peasant, needing material with which to make himself a shirt, went to the CENTROCOP Cooperative of his village and handed over potatoes, eggs or vegetables equalling the value of the material or handed over an amount of preduce in partial payment for the material, making up the balance in cash. The food supplies accumulated in this fashion were collected in collecting centers and shipped according to orders received from the CENTROCOP of Bucharest to the towns or centers needing food supplies or being short of certain food commodities. At the same time, the CENTRO-COP supplied food to the Rumanian Armed Forces and Soviet occupation troops, per requests received from the MFA, MAI and MSS. In other words, all food supplies in Rumania are in the hands of the CENTRO-COP.

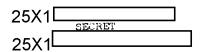
List of Present and Former Officials 4. "Below is a list of high CENTROCOP officials:

(a) (fnu) Hagiu; present position: Minister of the CENTROCOP; aged about 42; 172 cm tall; black hair; and eyes; married; has a 14 year-old boy. Resided in a villa in Bufet Park, located at the terminus station of street-car No. 20 (near the Kisselleff boule-vard). Hagiu is a former shoemaker by profession; in the past worked in a shoemaker's shop located on Dudesti Street. He replaced Attorney Cernisica in June 1952 after Cernisica's arrest.

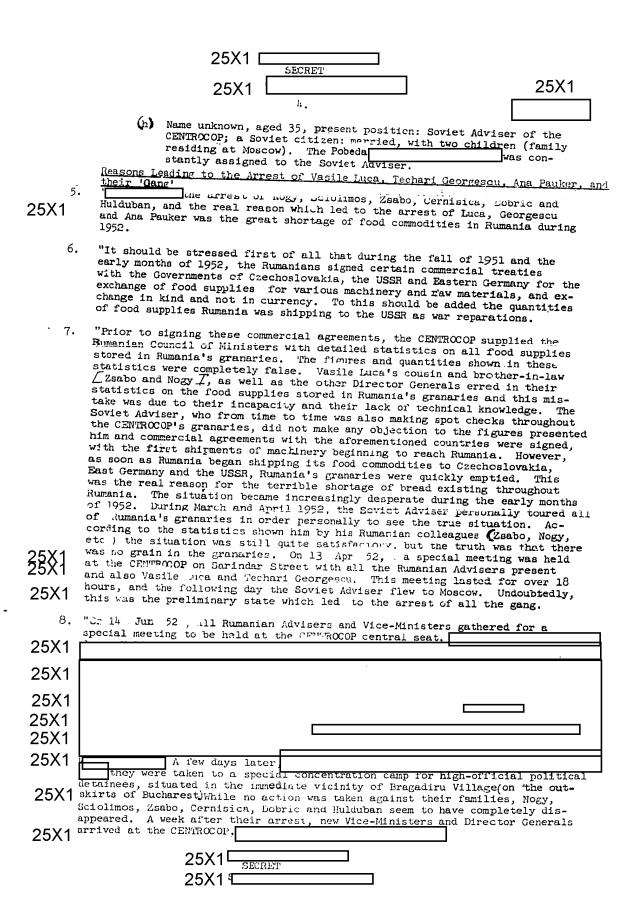
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- (b) (fnu) Cernisica, Attorney-at-Law; position prior to arrest:
 Minister and General Director of the Finance Department of
 the CENTROCOP. He is aged 38, criginally from Bucharest,
 has blue eyes, is bald; married (wife working at the Arlus)
 with 2 children (aged about 5); resided in Dorobanti Park.
- (c) (fnu) Sciolimos; position prior to arrest: Vice-Minister (in Rumanian: Ministru Adjunct) and Vice-President of the CENTROCOP. Aged 42; red bair; blue eyes; 188 cm. tall; fat; single, originally from Oradea-Mare; a former Professor in Philosophy. Resided at Bucharest in Jianu Park. He was also General Director of the Administrative Department of the CENTROCOP.
- (d) Victor Nogy, position prior to arrest: Vice-Minister, Vice-President and General Director of Production Department.

 Nogy, is Vasile Luca's brother-in-law. Aged 48; 190:cm:tall, cloud-red hair; brown eyes; wears glasses when working; has moustache, married (has three children: 2 boys aged about 21, of whom one is an engineer, and a 20 year-old daughter). He resided at Bucharest in a villa situated in the section of town formerly named Biserica Alba (new name unknown). Nogy is a former blacksmith by profession, originally from Sf Gheorghe (Transylvania).
- (e) (fnu) Zsabo, position prior to arrest: Adviser and General Director of the Vegetables and Contracting Department. He is aged about 45-48; 172 cm tall; blond hair, blue eyes; married (no children). At Bucharest he resided in a small villa in Jianu Park, but his family resided at Sf Gheorghe. He is Vasile Luca's cousin, and a former gardener by profession, originating from Sf Gheorghe. He was a good-hearted person, just the opposite of Nogy, who was wicked and stingy.
- (fnu) Dobric, present position: Adviser and General Director of the Milk Department. In February 1951, the CENTROCOP took over the former body of Aprolacts and thus also supervises the distribution of milk supplies throughout Rumania. Dobric was, in fact, the former General Firector of the Aprolacta. Dobric, in the past, also had the position of President of the People's Board of the town of Stalin (Brasov). Aged 40; blond hair; brown eyes; height 180 cm; thin; single; residing at Bucharest in a villa in Dorobanti park. Probably of very humble background.
- (fnu) Hulduban, position prior to his arrest: Vice-Minister and Director General of the Valorificari (Evaluation) Department. Aged 32; height 170 cm; brown eyes and hair; married (baby boy aged 3). Resided in a villa on London Street (Jionu Park). He came from the Moldavia region, and during World War II gave himself up willingly to the Red Army on the Eastern Front. In March 1944, he was parachuted by the Soviet Air Force near Sami-Segetura village (Hatel-Caransebes) on a special mission. Until World War II, Hulduban, by profession a carpenter, worked in a carpenter's workshop in the Obor section of Bucharest. (At that time he resided on Doamna Chica Street).



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(a) (fmu) <u>Sandulescu</u> , aged about 50, former President of the Commerce and Cooperative Syndicate of Baia-Mare; replaced Nogy.
(b) (fmu) Ariton, director of the CENTROCOP of Constanta, aged 32; replaced Zsabo. He drove in a
(c) (fnu) dogu, formerly Assistant Director at the CENTROCCP, aged 27, a former blacksmith from Galati; replaced Dobric.
Personal Lives of Officials 9. "All Advisers and General Directors and to addition to the car assigned to them, a personal car. Nogy, owned a B.M.W; Isabo a Pobeda; Islands a
1952 Studebaker: Gernicica a Mydromatic-drive Pontiae; Dobric a B.M.W., and Hulduban a Pobeda. Every Sunday, actually from Saturday afternoon, Zeabo and Nogy left for SF Cheorghe, their rative town where each one reseased
25X1 a villa. The policy or each one driving In a different car and employing a different driver wasn't liked by Cheorghiu-Dej
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regime) and thus had learned the trude of tailoring. He used to joke with me 25X1 was a very strange man. Hany times, when going on missions, he used
25X1 to stop the car in the middle of the road and began playing checkers. He used 25X1 to ask
Role of Security Captain 11. "Top officials of the Character, when driving out on missions through Rumania were accompanied by a Security Captain (dressed in civilian clothing but armed). This held true for: Cornision, Sciolimos, Rogy and Ruiduban. The Security Captain could not interfere in any discussion between let us say, Nogy and the driver, nor in regard to the direction of the trip etc. He was simply in charge of the protection of the personality concerned.
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12. "To emphasize the non-interference of the Security Captain, I mention the following fact. After the famous meeting held at the CENTROCOP of Bucharest
25X1 on 13 Apr 52, dogs on a special mission in Transylvania. It was the night of 15-16 Apr 52 and Nogy and the Security Captain were
both sleeping in the rear seats of the car stopped the car and slept for about three to four hours. At 6:30 AM Nogy
25X1 and the Security Captain avoke, and Hogy, who noticed that the car was stopped
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25X1 Security Captain did not interfere at all. After a few km down the road, while crossing a small village, the car, because of its great speed (about 130 km per bour) killed a calf which was crossing the road. The car (a B.M.W., did not
hour) killed a calf which was crossing the road. The car (a B.M.W., did not suffer much damage. Nogy immediately paid 200 lei to the farmer for killing his calf.
Present Whereabouts of Tauker, Luca and Georgescu 13. "Ana Pauker, Vasile and Techari Georgescu are free and not under arrest. They have all been given forced residence at Bucharest but none of them is under arrest, at least at the present time September 1953. In July 1953,
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